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Response to Office Action
For Patent Application No. 10/775,641
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Summary of Proposed Invention

The Invention in which Patent is being applied for is a system for dispensing center fed canister products and envelope type also known as Flow Packaging of wet wipes and paper products. The invention consist of a poly tab or tag attached to the corner of the first sheet dispensed, or a tab or tag being made by a die cut in the source material or fabric of the product to the first sheet of the product being dispensed. The function of the invention is to ease the use of these type products for consumers by allowing easy threading of the product through the top which serves as a dispensing mechanism for the products such as wet wipes, paper towel in commercial applications as well as trash bags etc. The rebuttals to the prior art will be addressed on an individual numbered basis as provided by the examiner.

Rebuttal to Prior Art Examples

1. Groeneweg Patent Number 6171439.

The Groeneweg patent deals with a dispenser for postage stamps. Postage stamps and wet wipe cleaning products, paper towels and trash bags are not similar in nature of use, which is why this prior art did not show in the patent search for wet wipes and cleaning wipes and towels. The stamp machine dispenses from the leading edge of a roll of stamps. The products utilized in the subject invention are dispensed from the center of the product roll when pulled out of the dispenser.

2. Desmond Patent Number 3370747

The Desmond Patent is a dispenser for return address labels for letters. Address labels are dispensed similar to the Groeneweg patent in that they are dispensed from a leading edge of the roll of address labels. As noted the wet wipes, cleaning products and garbage bags noted in the application are dispensed from the center of the roll of products.

These products dispense from the inside of the product roll and not the leading Edge of the product roll.

Also again the inventor respectfully notes that address labels and wet wipes, garbage bags and paper towel are not similar in their uses so the prior art cited did not show in the inventors patent search.

3. Martinsen US 2003/0071051A1

The Martinsen patent is also very similar to the patents of Groeneweg and Desmond in that it is a dispenser for labels and stickers from the leading edge of a roll of stickers and labels consisting of a backing strip in which the product is peeled off of. The subject invention as stated above deals with the center dispensing roll products and easing use of threading the products through the dispensing lid. The products not being similar did not show in prior art searches for wet wipes, trash bags and cleaning products.

4. Stetlcher et al. 4497420

The Stetlcher patent is also in the same categories as before in that it is a mechanical devise that dispenses stick on labels. As stated the subject invention deals with wet wipes cleaning products whose products are dispensed from the center of the roll of a product being used and making them easier to use for the consumer by enabling them to be threaded into the dispensing port in the lid of the container or dispensing apparatus.